

REMARKS

Claim objections

Claims 1-6 are objected to because of informalities. Specifically, the Examiner has objected to irregular capitalization in claim 1. The Examiner notes that each subparagraph of claim 1 begins with a capital "A", whereas a lower case "a" should be used. Claim 1 has been amended to correct capitalization, as well as punctuation separating the subparagraphs, thereby obviating this objection. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

Additionally, claim 4 is amended because the phrase "to threadably combine said fixing with [...]" should be "to threadably combine said fixing cap with [...]."

Conclusion

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-6 are allowed over the prior art, and that the application is in condition for allowance except for informality is noted with appreciation.

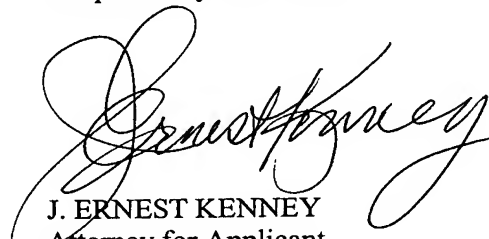
In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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